



### Message from Assistant Headteacher

What a fantastic week it's been at Park High! We're incredibly proud of all the enriching experiences our students have taken part in recently. Our Year 9s had an inspiring visit to Buckinghamshire New University for Futures Day, where they explored exciting pathways for life beyond school. Meanwhile, our Year 12 students made the most of their trip to the University, gathering valuable insights to help shape their next steps.

Looking ahead, we've got another action-packed week in store! Year 10 students will be heading out on their work experience placements—an amazing opportunity to gain real-world skills and confidence. We're also excited for the upcoming Summer Concert, where our talented performers will take the stage and share their creativity with the school community. And let's not forget the Year 10 Geography Field Trip, which promises to be both educational and adventurous.

As we move through June, we also take a moment to acknowledge Pride Month. It's a time to respectfully celebrate the diversity and to show support for all members of our community. We're proud to be a place where everyone is welcome and valued.

**Ms Selva**

### This Week

#### Key Dates:

**Monday:** Year 10 Work Experience (Band A). Year 7 IGNITE. Year 9 Assessment Week.

**Tuesday:** PSHCEe P2. Year 8 IGNITE.

**Wednesday:** Summer Music concert.

**Thursday**

**Friday:** Geography field trip

### The Big PARK HIGH HelpOut

Thank you to everyone for your volunteering efforts as part of this year's Big PARK HIGH HelpOut.

In addition to assemblies and tutor sessions on Character in which 100s of birthday cards were written for local old age home residents, we collected a food for our charity partner *Feast With Us* which we hope to deliver later this week. Students volunteered to help at home and at school with many students helping teachers with tasks ranging from new displays to tidying classrooms and, at home, with activities ranging from helping with the cleaning to supporting at the local temple. You are amazing! Collectively you amassed over 2000 HelpOut points!

Congratulations to **9AM** who collected the most HelpOut points!

Together, we have made a difference!

### Thank a Teacher Day

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- National **Thank a Teacher** campaign celebrates the hard work of staff in early years, schools, and colleges across the UK.
- *The Thank a Teacher campaign recognises ALL staff working in UK early years, schools and colleges; school leaders, teachers, teaching assistants, and all support staff such as lunchtime supervisors, caretakers and cleaners.*

#### Who do you want to thank?

Sometimes it is a simple word that counts.... please participate in National Thank a Teacher Day. You can add your note on [www.thankateacher.co.uk](http://www.thankateacher.co.uk).



## Sixth Form Politics Trip to the USA 2025

From the dazzling lights of Times Square to the solemn grandeur of the Lincoln Memorial, the Year 12 Politics trip to New York City and Washington DC was a week-long adventure that brought textbooks to life and created memories to last a lifetime.

Departing on 21st May, students hit the ground running in New York, where they explored iconic landmarks such as the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, and the 9/11 Memorial Museum. The visit to the United Nations and the Bronx School of Science added a global and educational dimension to the trip, while the Top of the Rock offered breathtaking views of the city skyline.

*“Our recent school trip to New York City and Washington DC was absolutely unforgettable! From the moment we arrived in the bustling streets of New York, the excitement was palpable... It was amazing to see famous places from movies and history books come to life.” Angelica*

After three action-packed days in the Big Apple, the group journeyed to Washington DC, where the tone shifted to one of reflection and political insight. Visits to the Holocaust Memorial Museum, the National Museum of African American History and Culture, and a guided tour of the US Capitol Building offered students a deeper understanding of American history and governance.

*“Washington offered a shift in atmosphere... Exploring the White House and the Capitol Building provided a deep connection to the country’s past and present.” Zahra*

A highlight of the educational experience was the opportunity to visit two of our partner schools: the Bronx School of Science in New York and Roosevelt High School in Washington DC. Students toured the campuses, observed lessons, and engaged in conversations with both students and teachers. These visits offered a unique insight into the American education system and fostered meaningful cultural exchange. Many students found it inspiring to see how their peers across the Atlantic learn and engage with political issues.



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*"The visits to many different museums were very informative and allowed me to expand my knowledge on historical and political events that happened in the world. We visited 2 different schools, each with very different approaches to learning but still informative and eye opening for me. Every day we had was full of adventure and every new place we visited offered something unique for everyone to see."* Amber

The itinerary was designed to balance education with exploration. Students had time to shop, sightsee, and enjoy meals together, strengthening friendships and building independence.

*"The trip was well-organized, with plenty of time for sightseeing, group activities, and even some free time to explore with friends... It broadened our horizons, brought our class closer together, and left us with memories we'll cherish forever."* Angelica

*"This trip was definitely a fantastic, rich and unforgettable journey."* Zahra

A huge thank you to Ms. Cramp, Ms. Wilkinson, and Mr. Whittaker for making this incredible experience possible. The trip not only enriched our understanding of American politics but also reminded us of the power of travel to educate, inspire, and connect.

*"This opportunity gave me so many skills along with teaching myself how to navigate a new country. I created amazing memories with friends that I won't forget. I am incredibly grateful for this experience and would do it again!"* Amber



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## Grayson Perry Exhibition at Wallace Collection

On Wednesday 11 June Year 10 art students visited Delusions of Grandeur Exhibition at The Wallace Collection. The exhibition by Grayson Perry showcased new artworks that he had made in response to The Wallace Collection. Students had an immersive experience, working with the artist Marc Woodhead, they explored the collection and made responses to the artworks.

*Luca Costea in Year 10 said- "The overall experience was really interesting regarding the life and broad imagination of the artist Grayson Perry. His artistic style is very expressive and also more influential in as many of his pieces he brought awareness to current events and situations."*



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## Free things to do for students and their families:

Now the weather is getting warmer... why not visit **Hyde Park**. This is where suffragettes gave fiery speeches, where the Rolling Stones rocked out by the lake and where Nelson Mandela took the stage. No wonder it's nicknamed 'The People's Park'.

Hyde Park has a fascinating and colourful past to discover. There is a wealth of historical monuments and memorials. You'll discover the passion and politics that led to the birth of [Speakers' Corner](#) – where Karl Marx and Emmeline Pankhurst once inspired Londoners to join their cause.

From pond dipping or mini beast hunting to ice creams and pedalos, the whole of Hyde Park is a playground for adventurous minds.

[Things to Do in Hyde Park | The Royal Parks](#)



## Careers and Employability

Year 10 students have the fantastic opportunity of completing a one-week work experience placement with an external company in June.

Band A: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Band B: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Students have been working hard to secure their placement in a range of different industries.

Work experience has many benefits; it provides a chance to test different career paths and gain insight into specific roles and industries.

**Identify strengths and weaknesses:** By experiencing the workplace, students can learn about their strengths and areas where you might need to develop further.

**Develop transferable skills:** Work experience helps students build soft skills like communication, teamwork, and problem-solving, which are valuable in many professions.

**Improve your CV:** Real-world experience makes your CV more competitive, showing employers that you're not just book smart but also have practical skills.

**Boost confidence:** Facing challenges and succeeding in a workplace setting builds confidence and self-assurance, which can be beneficial in job applications and interviews.

Good Luck to our Year 10 students who are out on

WORK

EXPERIENCE this week!!

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# Last Week's Round Up

## Best Attendance

8WK

## Most Achievement Points

8FT

## Best Punctuality

7FF  
7YK

## ACE Lottery Winners

1. Bradley Parrott 8NH
2. Edward Botezatu 7PB

## Year 7

Wishing you all the best for your Ignite Speech Day! This is your moment to shine, so be confident and brave. Remember, every great speaker started where you are now. Embrace the challenge, speak from the heart, and let your passion and ideas flow. You've prepared well, and now it's time to show everyone what you're capable of. Believe in yourself, support each other, and make this day unforgettable. Good luck, and may your speeches ignite inspiration in everyone who listens!

As we move through this half term, there's so much to look forward to! Sports Day promises excitement and teamwork, while celebration assemblies will highlight our achievements and milestones. Engaging lessons will continue to challenge and inspire you, offering opportunities to learn and grow. Make the most of every moment, embrace each opportunity, and support one another. Let's finish this term strong, creating memories and experiences that will last a lifetime.

Congratulations to **7KL** on winning the Year 7 Interform Final! After a tense match, you held your nerve and came out on top in a dramatic penalty shootout against **7PB**.

## Year 8

### Reflection Week

Assessment week has been a significant milestone, and I commend you for maintaining high standards. Remember, small steps can lead to big differences. Each bit of progress, no matter how minor, contributes to your overall growth and success.

Using feedback from your tests as a stepping stone is crucial. It helps you identify areas for improvement and fill gaps in your knowledge. This reflective practice is a powerful tool for continuous improvement. I'm particularly proud to see many of you diligently using flashcards to revise; this dedication will undoubtedly pay off.

As you move forward, consider your pathways and GCSE options in Year 9. Explore subjects that interest you and align with your future aspirations. Seek advice from teachers and peers. Keep up the excellent work, stay focused, and continue to strive for excellence.

## Year 9

Assessment Week has arrived, and it's your chance to show what you've learned and how far you've come. We know you've put in the effort, and now is the time to stay focused, stay calm, and do your best. This week is about progress, not perfection. We believe in you and are proud of how hard you've worked to get here. We look forward to sharing in the successes of your academic achievement on Review Day, which will be **Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> of July**.

### Tutor group highlights:

**Best attendance:** **9HC** **Best punctuality:** **9GS** (No L marks!! Well done) **Lowest B-logs:** **9BA** **Highest character points:** **9SC**



A huge congratulations to **Dharmil Patel 9SC** who is the first student to get his platinum badge. This is an incredible achievement which reflects Dharmil's character and work ethic. **We are so proud of you!**

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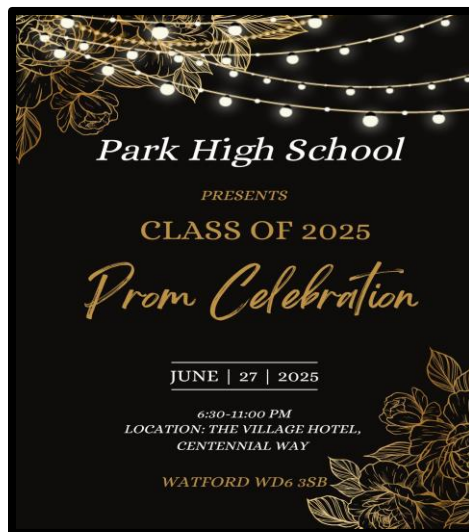
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## Year 10

What an inter-form final! For the boys' basketball it was a fiercely fought contest with 10AK coming out on top. Well done to the girls of 10AG for winning the netball games! It was a joy to watch you work and excel as a team. Also, we are proud of the leadership you demonstrated last week in working with the year 7s for your Sports Leader Award – organising and directing them in the sports games you designed. These skills will help you in your work experience. On that note, we are wishing you every success in your work experience this week and next. This is an important moment for you as you step into the real world. Be on time, be attentive, be confident, and be the best version of yourselves. Good luck!

## Year 11- Prom



## Sixth Form

**University & Apprenticeship Fair**

A highlight of the year before we head into Post-18 Pathways week, is the University & Apprenticeship Fair at Emirates Stadium. Year 12 students made the most of speaking to over 120 university and apprenticeship providers, gaining insightful guidance for their futures.



**ONE WEEK LEFT** for our A-Level exams! Massive well done to all our year 13 students – many have finished, but a few remain. Good luck to our Chemistry, Physics, Computer Science and Mathematics students heading into their final exams.

We look forward to then seeing you all at the prom!



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# Summer Term 2 Clubs

## Monday

Activity	Time	Location
Choir*	Lunchtime	P1
Y7-9 Dance Club	Lunchtime	Dance studio
Y7 Cricket	After school	Park

## Wednesday

Activity	Time	Location
Band*	Lunchtime	P1
Careers club*	Lunchtime	T2
Computing club	Lunchtime	T3
Product Design club	Lunchtime	T11
Y7-10 Robotics club	Lunchtime	T12
Y8 Home learning club	After school	T1
Y8 Cricket	After school	Park
Y9 Home learning club	After school	T4
Y10 Home learning club	After school	T3
Girls Cricket	After school	Park

## Friday

Activity	Time	Location
GCSE Table Tennis**	Before school	Sports Hall
German conversation	Lunchtime	L4
MFL Library*	Lunchtime	L3
Spanish conversation	Lunchtime	L2
Y7-8 Girls Science club	Lunchtime	S4
Y9-10 Cricket	After school	Park
Table Tennis	After school	Main Hall

## Tuesday

Activity	Time	Location
GCSE Table Tennis**	Before school	Sports Hall
Keyboard club*	Lunchtime	P1
Y7-10 Environmental Awareness	Lunchtime	S2
French Convo club	Lunchtime	L4
Y7-11 The Literary Lounge	Lunchtime	B4
Y9 Inspire**	After school	B2
Athletics	After school	Park
DofE**	After school	G2
Step into Dance	After school	Dance studio

## Thursday

Activity	Time	Location
Xianxia club*	Lunchtime	R3
Y7-9 Spoken Word Power	Lunchtime	P2
Y10 Inspire**	After school	D1
Netball	After school	Playground
Girls Rounders	After school	Park

